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CIA Probes Own Expert In Secret Document Hassle

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WASHINGTON—The Central Intelligence Agency is investigating one of its experts in clandestine affairs. Classified documents were found in his home by another CIA man who was looking for a place to live.

The expert—Hans V. Tofte—was brought under investigation after the house hunter and a CIA security man returned to Tofte's Georgetown home and recovered the documents.

Tofte said that after the second visit some \$20,000 in jewelry belonging to his wife was missing.

AT THE time the documents were discovered by Kenneth R. Slocum, who reported his find to CIA security men, neither Tofte nor Slocum knew the other was employed by the U.S. spy agency.

A CIA spokesman gave the agency's side of the story Tuesday in response to a story in the Minneapolis Tribune and the Des Moines Register and Tribune by Washington correspondent Clark Mollenhoff.

Tofte told United Press International that CIA had staged a "silly cloak and dagger raid" on his home, and he was outraged. He said it was customary for CIA men of his standing to take papers home to work on them. The Mollenhoff story described Tofte as a \$25,000-a-year man for the CIA. He said the agency could

well have waited outside his home until he had returned home, and then asked him to get the documents. Instead, he said, they distracted his mother-in-law while ostensibly looking at the house, and picked them up.

HE SAID "what started as a coincidence ended as a clumsy performance." He termed the handling of the matter "unprofessional."

The CIA spokesman said Tofte was still on the agency's employment rolls but the investigation of his handling of classified documents was continuing.

The CIA spokesman said that Tofte had listed his home for sale with a realty firm.

Slocum was shown through the house by Tofte's mother-in-law on July 23.

THE TOFTES said that although Slocum had come to see a basement apartment he got into a third-floor area used by Tofte as a library and which was closed to everyone else.

There, Tofte said, he had manuscript material for a textbook and CIA material taken home "by me for the purpose of homework." Mrs. Tofte said the CIA material was securely wrapped in a parcel preparatory to moving, and that the parcel was under a blanket that in turn was under a tarpaulin.

"Since the presence of ex-

posed classified documents in a private home constitutes a violation of agency security regulations, Mr. and Mrs. Slocum and Mr. Charles D. Speake, a security representative of this agency, returned to the residence on Sunday, July 24," the CIA spokesman said.

"They were again admitted by Mr. Tofte's mother-in-law and took custody of the classified material. Subsequently, Mr. Tofte advised a security official of this agency that some jewelry belonging to his wife was missing.

Police officers who investigated the case said that they went to the home on July 25 and Mrs. Tofte told them that approximately \$19,000 worth of jewels in a purse were missing from a first-floor closet.